

Standard Building Control Charges Effective from 1 April 2023

These tables and guidance notes are based on the Sevenoaks District Council's Building Control Charges scheme. The charges scheme is made under the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010. The charges have been established to cover the cost of building control fee earning work in respect of commonly occurring building projects. The full scheme of charges can be viewed at Sevenoaks District Council offices by appointment only.

Charges are payable for:

Before you build, extend, convert or make alterations to a property, you will probably need to submit a Building Regulation application to Sevenoaks Building Control. This will take the form of either a Full Plans application or a Building Notice submission. There is a charge payable for both methods as set out below. If the basis on which the charge has been determined significantly changes, Building Control may either provide a refund or request a supplementary charge in writing setting out the basis and detailing the method of calculation.

Full Plans

If you submit a Full Plans application, the Plan Charge must accompany the plans to cover an assessment of the works and the passing or rejection of the plans. The Inspection Charge becomes due after our Building Surveyors first inspection of the works on site. An invoice will be sent to the applicant for the relevant amount and this covers all necessary site inspections by Building Control Surveyors including issuing a completion certificate.

Building Notice

Where a Building Notice is submitted, the Building Notice Charge is payable at the time of submitting the Notice. The fee covers all the Building Control Surveyors' visits to the site once notified of commencement and the issuing of a completion certificate. Site visits are to ensure that the work conforms to Building Regulations. Supplementary information, ie floor plans, structural & thermal calculations, may be requested as necessary to confirm compliance with the Building Regulations 2010.

Regularisation

If you have carried out building work without submitting a Full Plans application or a Building Notice, is a criminal offence. However you can apply for a Regularisation Certificate if the works were commenced on or after 11th November 1985. There is a fee to pay to cover the cost of assessing your application and all inspections, but no VAT is payable on this type of application.

Individually Determined Charges

You can request a bespoke fee quote where:

- All or part of the project falls outside of the standard Charges in Tables A, B & C
- The categories do not reflect a reasonable charge

You can obtain an Individually Determined Charge by sending plans of your proposals by email: building.control@sevenoaks.gov.uk or by contacting us by telephone: 01732 227376.

Building Notices and the Fire Safety Order

A Building Notice cannot be used for a 'designated building' which is a building subject to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, i.e. non-domestic properties, common areas of flats and homes in multiple occupation, etc.

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Exemption from Charges

- a) *Existing Dwelling* - where the whole of the work is solely for the purpose of providing access for a disabled person to, from and within their residence, or for the purpose of providing accommodation, or facilities designed to secure the greater health, safety, welfare or convenience of the disabled person (subject to Regulation 4(2)) no charge shall be payable. Note: evidence of the person's disability or special needs may be required, ie, a letter from a medical practitioner or an occupational therapist.
- b) *Existing Building* - to which members of the public are admitted (e.g. public buildings, shops, banks, etc) where the whole of the work is solely for the purpose of providing access for disabled persons to, from and within the building, or for the provision of facilities designed to secure the greater health, safety, welfare or convenience of disabled persons no charge shall be payable.

Service level

The inspection fee will cover all site inspections carried out during the construction phase including discussions and meetings with the builder, architect &/or the owner if required. Our Surveyors provide a next day inspection service and because we are local we will do our utmost to accommodate any reasonable requests for inspections at short notice in the event of problems on site. We offer a prompt, proactive, commercially aware service and we understand the pressure involved in delivering construction projects on time including the programming issues of major builds.

The stages the Surveyor will look at include:

- Foundations
- Damp proofing
- Drainage
- Beams, floor and roof structures
- Thermal insulation
- Completion

VAT

VAT is charged at 20%

Payment

Payment can be made on our website; www.sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Debit /Credit card payments are accepted by telephone; 01732 227376 and cheques should be made payable to "Sevenoaks District Council".

Further guidance, application forms and advice can be obtained from:

Sevenoaks Building Control
Sevenoaks District Council,
Council Offices,
Argyle Road,
Sevenoaks,
TN13 1HG

e: building.control@sevenoaks.gov.uk

t: 01732 227376

w: <http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/buildingcontrol>

Standard Charges

Limited to dwelling units less than 300m2 floor area

Table A - New Dwellings - Bungalows or Houses less than 3 storeys

Code	Bungalows or Houses less than 3 storeys	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
H01	1 Plot	Net	260.00	525.00	795.00	1192.50
		VAT	52.00	105.00	159.00	0.00
		Total	312.00	630.00	954.00	1192.50
H02	2 Plots	Net	325.00	865.00	1190.00	1785.00
		VAT	65.00	173.00	238.00	0.00
		Total	390.00	1038.00	1428.00	1785.00
H03	3 Plots	Net	390.00	1135.00	1525.00	2287.50
		VAT	78.00	227.00	305.00	0.00
		Total	468.00	1362.00	1830.00	2287.50
H04	4 Plots	Net	455.00	1400.00	1855.00	2782.50
		VAT	91.00	280.00	371.00	0.00
		Total	546.00	1680.00	2226.00	2782.50
H05	5 Plots	Net	520.00	1535.00	2055.00	3082.50
		VAT	104.00	307.00	411.00	0.00
		Total	624.00	1842.00	2466.00	3082.50

Table A.1 New Dwellings - Flats

Code	Flats	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
F01	1 Flat	Net	140.00	380.00	520.00	780.00
		VAT	28.00	76.00	104.00	0.00
		Total	168.00	456.00	624.00	780.00
F02	2 Flats	Net	260.00	380.00	640.00	960.00
		VAT	52.00	76.00	128.00	0.00
		Total	312.00	456.00	768.00	960.00
F03	3 Flats	Net	325.00	535.00	860.00	1290.00
		VAT	65.00	107.00	172.00	0.00
		Total	390.00	642.00	1032.00	1290.00
F04	4 Flats	Net	390.00	665.00	1055.00	1582.50
		VAT	78.00	133.00	211.00	0.00
		Total	468.00	798.00	1266.00	1582.50
F05	5 Flats	Net	455.00	907.50	1362.50	2043.75
		VAT	91.00	181.50	272.50	0.00
		Total	546.00	1089.00	1635.00	2043.75

Table A.2 New Dwellings - Conversion to

Code	Conversion to	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
V01	Single Dwelling House	Net	292.50	590.00	882.50	1323.75
		VAT	58.50	118.00	176.50	0.00
		Total	351.00	708.00	1059.00	1323.75
V02	Single Flat	Net	140.00	380.00	520.00	780.00
		VAT	28.00	76.00	104.00	0.00
		Total	168.00	456.00	624.00	780.00

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Limited to work not more than 3 storeys above ground level

Table B – Extensions to a single dwelling

Code	Extensions & Conversions	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
D01	Single storey extension with a floor area less than 10m ²	Net VAT Total	130.00 26.00 156.00	325.00 65.00 390.00	455.00 91.00 546.00	682.50 0.00 682.50
D02	Single storey extension with a with- floor area between 10m ² & 40m ²	Net VAT Total	195.00 39.00 234.00	455.00 91.00 546.00	650.00 130.00 780.00	975.00 0.00 975.00
D03	Single storey extension with floor area between 40m ² & 100m ²	Net VAT Total	260.00 52.00 312.00	520.00 104.00 624.00	780.00 156.00 936.00	1170.00 0.00 1170.00
D04	Multi-storey extension (ie some part 2 or 3 storeys in height) & floor area not exceeding 40m ²	Net VAT Total	260.00 52.00 312.00	520.00 104.00 624.00	780.00 156.00 936.00	1170.00 0.00 1170.00
D05	Multi-storey extension (ie some part 2 or 3 storeys in height) & floor area 40m ² to 100m ²	Net VAT Total	260.00 52.00 312.00	585.00 117.00 702.00	845.00 169.00 1014.00	1267.00 0.00 1267.00
D20	Multi-storey extension (ie some part 2 or 3 storeys in height) & floor area 100m ² to 150m ²	Net VAT Total	325.00 65.00 390.00	720.00 144.00 864.00	1045.00 209.00 1254.00	1567.50 0.00 1567.50
D06	Extension comprising SOLELY a garage, carport or store with a floor area less than 60m ²	Net VAT Total	130.00 26.00 156.00	325.00 65.00 390.00	455.00 91.00 546.00	682.50 0.00 682.50
D07	Detached non-habitable domestic building with a floor area less than 60m ²	Net VAT Total	130.00 26.00 156.00	325.00 65.00 390.00	455.00 91.00 546.00	682.50 0.00 682.50
D07A	Detached habitable domestic building with a floor area less than 60m ²	Net VAT Total	225.00 45.00 270.00	450.00 90.00 540.00	675.00 135.00 810.00	1012.50 0.00 1012.50

Table B.1 – Conversions to a single dwelling

Code	Conversions	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
D08	Loft conversions with a floor area less than 40m ²	Net VAT Total	260.00 52.00 312.00	520.00 104.00 624.00	780.00 156.00 936.00	1170.00 0.00 1170.00
D09	Loft conversions with a floor area between 40m ² & 100m ²	Net VAT Total	260.00 52.00 312.00	585.00 117.00 702.00	845.00 169.00 1014.00	1267.00 0.00 1267.00

Code	Conversions	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
D10	Conversion of a garage to a habitable room	Net VAT Total	130.00 26.00 156.00	240.00 48.00 288.00	370.00 74.00 444.00	555.00 0.00 555.00

Multiple work reductions:

a) Where one or more extensions, and a loft conversion or a garage conversion is proposed and the works are carried out concurrently, the individual fees should be combined and reduced by 30%.

b) Where domestic alterations up to £15,000 are to be carried out at the same time as work described in codes D01 – D07, or in code D20 above, the charge payable in Table C can be reduced by 30%.

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Table C – Alterations to a single dwelling and all other non-domestic work

Code	Alterations	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
D11	Renovation of a thermal element ie recovering a roof or recladding walls	Net VAT Total	195.00 39.00 234.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	195.00 39.00 234.00	292.50 0.00 292.50
D12	Replacement of windows, roof windows, or external glazed doors	Net VAT Total	195.00 39.00 234.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	195.00 39.00 234.00	292.50 0.00 292.50
D14	Cost of work between £0,000 & £5,000	Net VAT Total	275.00 55.00 330.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	275.00 55.00 330.00	412.50 0.00 412.50
D15	Cost of work between £5,001 & £15,000	Net VAT Total	162.50 32.50 195.00	275.00 55.00 330.00	437.50 87.50 525.00	656.25 0.00 656.25
D16	Cost of work between £15,001 & £25,000	Net VAT Total	185.00 37.00 222.00	365.00 73.00 438.00	550.00 110.00 660.00	825.00 0.00 825.00
D17	Cost of work between £25,001 & £50,000	Net VAT Total	292.50 58.50 351.00	590.00 118.00 708.00	882.50 176.50 1059.00	1323.75 0.00 1323.75
D18	Cost of work between £50,001 & 100,000	Net VAT Total	363.33 72.67 436.00	715.00 143.00 858.00	1078.33 215.67 1294.00	1617.50 0.00 1617.50
D21	Cost of work between £100,001 & £200,000	Net VAT Total	450.00 90.00 540.00	850.00 170.00 1020.00	1300.00 260.00 1560.00	1950.00 0.00 1950.00

Table C.1 Competent Persons Schemes (in addition to the above, where applicable)

Code	Competent Persons Schemes (in addition to the above, where applicable)	Total	Plan Charge	Inspection Charge*	Building Notice Charge*	Regularisation Charge
D19	Where a satisfactory competent Persons certificate will not be issued, i.e. Part P, GASAFE, HETAS, OFTEC	Net VAT Total	290.00 58.00 348.00	This charge relates to the first fix pre-plaster inspection and final testing on completion. For a Regularisation Certificate full testing and appraisal will be carried out.	This charge relates to the first fix pre-plaster inspection and final testing on completion. For a Regularisation Certificate full testing and appraisal will be carried out.	This charge relates to the first fix pre-plaster inspection and final testing on completion. For a Regularisation Certificate full testing and appraisal will be carried out.

Estimated Cost of Works:

The estimated cost of work used to determine the charge in Table C should be a reasonable estimate that would be charged by a professional builder to carry out such work (excluding the amount of any VAT).

Competent Persons Schemes:

The Charges marked with an * have been reduced to reflect where controlled electrical and heating installations are certified by an installer registered with one of the Governments Competent Persons Schemes. If a certified installer is not subsequently employed or Competent persons certification is not received, the charge in Table C, code D19, will be required for each unit. This is to enable checks and tests on the work to be made by our nominated contractor to establish that the work meets with the requirements of the Building Regulations 2010.

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